investigation by the Agency as on date pertaining to alleged misappropriation of public money in Doordarshan. Of these, in 17 cases investigation so far is regarding alleged irregularity in procurement of Commissioned/Sponsored Programmes.

(c) and (d) Two senior officers of the Doordarshan, allegedly involved in these cases have since retired. Action will be taken against them on the basis of the recommendations of the CBI and as per service rules.

The following steps have been/are being taken to reduce the chances of corruption:

(i) Vigilance set-up of Prasar Bharati is being strengthened and a separate CVO has been appointed.

(ii) System of procurement of programmes and purchases have been streamlined and publicized.

(iii) Programmes are procured through open/transparent procedures.

(iv) "List of officers of Doubtful Integrity" and "Agreed List" have been prepared in consultation with the CBI.

Registration of Publications

*213. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of applications received by RNI from weeklies, fortnightlies, monthlies etc., in Gujarat for title registration during the last two years;

(b) the time-frame for completion of formalities and accord title registration and how much time is actually taken by RNI in this regard;

(c) whether a large number of such applications from Gujarat are pending; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) The details of applications received by the Office of the Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI) for registration of weeklies, fortnightlies, monthlies and publications of other periodicities from the State of Gujarat during the calendar years 2000 and 2001 are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) The office of the RNI normally issues Certificate of Registration within one month of receipt of complete documents. If the documents submitted by the publisher are incomplete, the office of the RNI sends discrepancy letter to that effect to the publisher, for rectification.

(c) and (d) Though the office of the RNI endeavours to dispose off the applications as soon as possible, some applications for registration of newspapers from Gujarat, are pending. The pendency is due to non-completion of various formalities and non-submission of correct and complete documents by the publishers. Appropriate advisory letters have been issued by the RNI to the publishers in such cases.

Statement

Details of the Applications received by the Office of the RNI during the Calendar Years 2000 *and* 2001 *from the State of Gujarat for Registration of Newspapers*

S. No.	Year	Dailies	Weeklies	Fortnightlies	Monthlies	Others
1.	2000	37	239	49	100	16
2.	2001	41	215	33	88	19